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DONEGAL COUNTY TREASURER.



RETURN to an Order of [the Honorable The House of Commons]
dated 11 May 1842:—*for*,

RETURN of the Papers furnished by the CHIEF REMEMBRANCER of Her Majesty's COURT of EXCHEQUER in Ireland to the Foreman of the Grand Jury of the County of Donegal, and to the Judge of Assize of the County of Donegal, respecting the Particulars that transpired before him on the 7th day of January 1842, during his Investigation into a Charge in the Treasurer's Accounts of that County, for the Sum of £. 12. 3s., and which Sum he disallowed.

(Copy.)

My Lord,

Dublin Castle, 12 March 1842.

I am leave to transmit to you the enclosed Minute of an inquiry which I have felt it necessary to make into a question arising on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the county of Donegal.

To the Honble. Mr. Justice Burton.

I have, &c.
(signed) A. R. Blake.

(Copy.)

Sir,

Dublin Castle, 12 March 1842.

I beg leave to transmit to you the enclosed Minute of an inquiry which I have felt it necessary to make into a question arising on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the County of Donegal, and of which I have transmitted a duplicate to Mr. Justice Burton, who, I understand, will preside in the Crown Court at the ensuing Assizes for the County.

To the Foreman of the Grand Jury of the
County of Donegal, Lifford.

I have, &c.
(signed) A. R. Blake.

COPY of the Minutes referred to in the foregoing Two Letters.

County Donegal.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT for Spring Assizes 1840.

Lord Clements having stated to me that one of the Vouchers transmitted with the Account of the Treasurer for Spring Assizes 1840, and upon the faith of which the Account was passed, was not genuine, I inquired into the matter in presence of Lord Clements; Mr. Mansfield, the Treasurer; Mr. Corcoran, the Clerk of the Crown; and Mr. Spence, the Secretary of the Grand Jury, on the 7th of January 1842.

The Treasurer took credit in the Schedule marked (B), No. 50, transmitted with the account in question, for 12L 3s., as having been paid to Owen M'Daid, upon a discharged query, and the Voucher for the payment was in the following words:

West Half-Barnery of Innishowen (No. 50.)

Received from Francis Mansfield, Esq., Treasurer of the County of Donegal, the sum of Twelve Pounds Three Shillings, being the amount of a Presentment ordered at Summer Assizes 1836, and discharged at Spring Assizes 1840.

Dated this 2nd day of March 1840.

£. 12. 3s. 0d.
Present, W^m C. Spence.

by
Owen x M'Daid.
mark.

Mr. Spence admitted that the mark of Owen M'Daid was put to the Receipt not by M'Daid, but by him; he admitted that M'Daid could read and write, and had given him no authority to sign his name, or put his mark to the Receipt; he stated that the money was payable not to M'Daid,

M'Daid, but to John Doherty, who had done the work for which the Prosement had been made; that after Spring Assizes 1840, he (Spence) delivered the Receipt to the Treasurer, and received a Draft from him for the amount drawn in favour of M'Daid, or order; that he endorsed the Draft in M'Daid's name, and drew the amount from the County Bank; that he applied the money to his own purposes; and that he paid the amount after Summer Assizes to John Doherty, who had done the work.

I examined M'Daid, who admitted that he authorized Doherty to receive the money.

I also examined Doherty, who admitted that he had received the money after Summer Assizes from Mr. Spence.

Mr. Spence stated that the Treasurer was not cognizant of the circumstances.

As the money payable to M'Daid has, with his privity and consent, been paid to Doherty, I have suffered the credit which I gave to the Treasurer for it to stand; but I deem it necessary that the attention both of the Court and the Grand Jury should be called to the subject at the ensuing Assizes.

19 March 1842.

(signed) A. R. Blake.

(True Copies.) L. Dwyer, Register.
16 May 1842.

DONEGAL COUNTY TREASURER.

RETURN of Papers furnished by the CHIEF
HARRINGTON of the Mayor's Court of
Exeter, in Ireland, respecting Particulars of
a Charge in the Treasurer's Accounts for Donegal
County.

(Witnessed Clerkship.)

Ordered by The House of Commons, to be Printed
at May 1842.